(b) In the Memorandum of Settlement signed on 22-8-1988, it was agreed that "In the overall national interest and in response to Prime Minister's call, the GNLF agree to drop the demand for a separate State of Gorkhaland''.

(c) Goverrmient is keeping a close watch over the developments.

Foreign Fund for Australian NGO

(b) SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Community Aid Abroad, an Australian organisation, has recently opened Regional Representative Office in Bangalore (India) for Welfare programmes; and

(b) if so, what are their objectives and the total foreign amount received by the Indian Office uader FCI Act, 1976 during the last three years and the Welfare projects on which the foreign funds have been utilised by this NGO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) As per information a\ailable with this Ministry, the said representative's field office has been functioning at Bangalore since 1991.

(b) According to information received from the Community Aid Abroad, Bangalore, the object of the Bangalore field office is to service the funding and non-funding needs of project partners in the Non-Govermnent/Voluntary sector in Southern and Eastern India. During the period 1997-98 and 1998-99, the said field office reported the receipt of foreign contribution amounting to Rs. 2.71 crores. The foreign contribution was used to fund projects in the field of rural development. The return for 1999-2000 due on or before the 31st July, 2000, has not been filed as yet.

Pay Scale of Translators

(c) SHRI K. KALA VENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(d) the pay scales of tarandars Assistant Directors/Translators officers in Central Secertaria't Official Language Service and in Central Translation Bureau respectively;

(e) whether the same scale exists in both the departments; and